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TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME AND SEPTIC SHOCK

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 18, 2003 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a November 18, 2003 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 18, 2003 Office Action was due February 18, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond. The fee for a three month extension of time is NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$950.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a three month extension of time a response is now due May 18, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.P.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following feas associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125 . Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.
 - Any filing fees under 37 C.P.R. §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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